

OHIO NEEDS AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT PLAN

***Wilson supports President's plan to create jobs and boost the economy,
House votes 244-188 to send plan to Senate***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today Congressman Charlie Wilson voted to put Americans back to work, create 3 to 4 million jobs and jumpstart our economy. The U.S. House passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 with a vote of 244 to 188.

Developed with the Obama Administration, this recovery and job creation package will rebuild America, make us more globally competitive and energy independent, and transforming our economy for long-term growth; give 95 percent of American workers an immediate tax cut; and invest quickly in the economy.

"I was happy to see the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act pass the House today," Wilson said. "I believe the plan will help us reverse the current economic meltdown. Some have complained that the plan is too big; others have complained that it isn't big enough. As with all legislation, this represents a compromise and I believe we worked hard to develop a plan whose results will be felt in every community in this country. Ohio could receive billions of dollars in federal funds. That's huge, and I will do everything in my power to make sure working families and businesses in my district get their fair share of it. It is only fair that the communities that have been the most devastated by recent economic woes get the help they have needed for so long," said Wilson.

"I'm also pleased that the plan includes numerous tax credits that will directly benefit millions of Ohio's working families and businesses," Wilson added.

Some of the initial estimates for Ohio include:

- \$2,826,874 for Ohio's Medicaid program
- \$756 million in Food Stamps to help 1,209,000 Ohio families
- \$147.2 million to help 257,900 Ohioans who receive Supplemental Security Income
- \$66.1 million to help an additional 16,000 Ohio families take advantage of the

Emergency Shelter Grant Program

- 666,416 Ohio workers who've lost their jobs will be able to collect additional

Unemployment Insurance in 2009.

- \$2,385,026,000 for Ohio's State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
- \$472,182,000 for Ohio's Title I (Disadvantaged Students)
- \$510,428,000 for Ohio's Individuals with Disabilities Act (Special Education)
- \$36,074,608 for Education Technology State Grants in Ohio
- \$740,000,000 for Education Modernization, Renovation & Repair (both K-12 and Higher Education) in Ohio; \$75 million of that would be specifically headed to school districts in Ohio's Sixth Congressional District
- \$969,083,888 in Pell Grants to benefit approximately 268,804 college students in Ohio
- \$27,337,915 to for Ohio Head Start
- \$68,140,840 for Ohio's Child Care & Development Block Grant
- \$155,039,850 for Employment and Training in Ohio
- \$39,979,274 for Ohio's Community Services Block Grant
- \$49,915,665 for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) in Ohio
- \$7,276,756 for Elderly Nutrition Services in Ohio
- \$14,358,180 for Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant in Ohio
- \$93,043,833 for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
- \$1,036,086,707 for Ohio's Highways and Bridges
- \$150,853,656 for Ohio's Transit Capital Grants
- \$24,069,335 for Fixed Guideway Modernization in Ohio
- \$326,786,229 for Ohio's Clean Water State Revolving Grant

The bill awaits action in the U.S. Senate. President Barack Obama has indicated he's eager to sign the plan into law.